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SUBJECT: JUNE 17 NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING

BEGIN SUMMARY: AT JUNE 17 NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING IMS REP EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT AGREED MINUTE OF BERGEN NPG MEETING DID NOT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE FOR CHANNELING MNC REPORTS ON PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT PLANNING THROUGH MILITARY COMMITTEE. SG DISCUSSED PREPARATION OF A PERM REP REPORT ON SACEUR'S ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY OF THE INITIAL USE OF AIR DEFENSE NUCLEAR WEAPONS. ND SUMMARY.

1. STAFF GROUP (SG) REPS OF COUNTRIES WHICH ATTENDED BERGEN NPG MEETING CONFIRMED THAT THEIR AUTHORITIES APPROVED AGREED MINUTE OF NPG MINISTERIAL MEETING (SEPTTEL). IMS REP (CAPT COCK) SAID THAT IMS IS CONCERNED THAT PARA 5 OF AGREED MINUTE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY REQUIRE CHANNELING REPORTS BY MNC'S ON PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING SELECTIVE EMPLOYMENT PLANNING OPTIONS THROUGH THE MILITARY COMMITTEE (MC). SG CHAIRMAN (SEIM) SUGGESTED SEVERAL REASONS FOR NOT SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING MC: (A) THE LENGTH OF TIME REQUIRED TO PROCESS SUCH
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REPORTS THROUGH THE MC WOULD REDUCE THEIR TIMELINESS; (B) THE SUBJECT INVOLVES INFORMATION WHICH IS SENSITIVE, AND PROCESSING REPORTS THROUGH THE MC WOULD INVOLVE A MUCH WIDER DISTRIBUTION IN NATO THAN WOULD OTHERWISE BE THE CASE; AND

(C) SINCE THE SUBJECT IS POLITICALLY IMPORTANT, NPG COUNTRIES PRESUMABLY WOULD NOT WANT INFORMATION FROM MNC'S FILTERED THROUGH THE MC. SEIM NOTED THAT ROLE OF MC IN THIS SUBJECT COULD BE WORKED OUT AT A LATER DATE.

2. SG DISCUSSED PREPARATION OF A PERM REPS REPORT ON SACEUR'S ILLUSTRATIVE STUDY OF THE INITIAL USE OF AIR DEFENSE NUCLEAR WEAPONS (NPG/STUDY/44) WHICH MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO ADDRESS AT FALL 1974 NPG MEETING. SG CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED A NUMBER OF TOPICS ON WHICH PERM REPS MIGHT COMMENT TO CONTRIBUTE TO BASIS FOR MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION: TIMELINESS OF RELEASE REQUESTS; SUFFICIENCY OF DATA; IMPLICATIONS OF FAILURE TO GRANT RELEASE REQUEST; RELEASE REQUEST FORMAT; IMPLICATIONS OF COMMUNICATING NATO'S INTENTIONS; AND BROADER STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS. UK REP SUGGESTED THAT PERM REPS REPORT SHOULD SET OUT BACKGROUND OF ILLUSTRATIVE STUDIES, AND POSSIBLY SUGGEST TOPICS FOR FUTURE ILLUSTRATIVE STUDIES. CANADIAN REP NOTED THAT USE OF AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS WAS ADDRESSED IN THE PHASE I ACLANT STUDY AND THAT PERHAPS THERE SHOULD BE SOME REFERENCE TO THIS. IMS REP SUGGESTED THAT IMPLICATIONS FOR FOLLOW-ON USE MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN THE PERM REP REPORT.

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